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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

(G.O. Ms. No. 14, dated 28th September 2012)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry is pleased to approve the “Rajiv Gandhi Social Security Scheme for Poor Families-2012” which provides for granting financial assistance to all the below poverty line family members in the Union territory of Puducherry in the event of death or partial or permanent total disability of their family members in the age group of 18-60 years and to make the rules for the scheme as appended to this order.

This scheme supersedes all the social security scheme providing financial assistance for death/accidental benefits to the family members of victims, implemented by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management.

It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 25-3-2011.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

Dr. S. B. DEEPAK KUMAR, I.A.S.,
Special Secretary to Government (Revenue).

**RULES FOR THE GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
UNDER RAJIV GANDHI SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME
FOR POOR FAMILIES-2012**

1. *Short title, application and commencement.*- (1) These rules may be called the “Rules for the Grant of Financial Assistance under the Rajiv Gandhi Social Security Scheme for Poor Families-2012”.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 25-3-2011

2. *Object.*- The object of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to all the below poverty line family members in the Union territory of Puducherry in the age group of 18-60 years, in the event of natural and unnatural death, partial total disability and permanent total disability due to accidents.

3. *Definitions*:- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(i) “Appellate Authority” means the Collector of the respective District.

(ii) “Authorised Signatory” shall mean the Settlement Officer.

(iii) “Below Poverty Line” shall mean the family whose annual income is not more than ₹ 24,000.

(iv) "Beneficiary/claimant" shall mean the person (or persons) who claims for the financial assistance under these rules.

(v) "Benefit" means the financial assistance sanctioned under these rules.

(vi) "Certificate of Death" shall mean the death certificate issued by the competent authority of the Government of Puducherry.

(vii) "Certificate of Disability" shall mean the partial total disability certificate or permanent total disability certificate issued by the competent authority of the Government of Puducherry.

(viii) "Competent Authority" shall mean the Registrar of Births and Deaths of the Municipality/Commune Panchayat in the case of issue of Certificate of Death and any Medical Officer not below the rank of Specialist Grade - II (Junior Scale) in the field of disability concerned of the General Hospital, in the case of issue of certificate of disability due to accident.

(ix) "Form" means the forms prescribed under these rules.

(x) "Government" means the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President under Article 239 of the Constitution of India.

(xi) "Member" shall mean all persons in the age group of 18–60 years in the below poverty line family, whose annual family income is not more than ₹ 24,000.

(xii) "Partial Total Disability" shall mean the disability which is less than 40 %

(xiii) "Permanent Total Disability" shall mean the disability which is more than 40%.

(xiv) "Rules" shall mean the rules of this scheme and as amended from time to time.

(xv) "Settlement Officer" shall mean the respective Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue).

(xvi) "Union territory" means the Union territory of Puducherry.

4. *Eligibility:-* The following shall be the eligibility conditions for the grant of financial assistance under these rules:-

(1) The deceased/disabled person for whom claim is made shall be a member of the below poverty line family in the age group of 18–60 years, in the Union territory of Puducherry, whose annual family income shall not be more than ₹ 24,000.

(2) A beneficiary under this scheme is not eligible to avail any other benefit in a scheme (if any) operated by Government of India/ Government of Puducherry/Local Bodies of Puducherry Government to cease/misuse the double claim at present time or in future under any circumstance.

5. *Procedure for making the claim application.-* (1) The claim form shall be available in all the respective Taluk/Sub-Taluk Office at free of cost.

(2) The claimant/beneficiary shall claim financial assistance in Form-A, if the death of the member is natural/unnatural.

(3) The claimant/beneficiary shall claim financial assistance in Form-B, if the member is partially disabled or permanently disabled due to an accident.

(4) The claim form shall be submitted to the Tahsildar / Deputy Tahsildar of the respective Taluk/Sub-Taluk Office falling within the jurisdiction of the member, within 180 days from the date of death of the member or from the date of accident to the member.

(5) The claim form shall be accompanied by the following certificates/ documents, namely:-

(a) Attested photocopy of the BPL Family Ration card

(or)

Original Income Certificate of the family whose annual income is not more than ₹ 24,000 issued by the Tahsildar/Deputy Tahsildar Taluk/Sub-Taluk Office.

(b) Original Death Certificate issued by the competent authority.

(c) Original Disability Certificate issued by the competent authority in case of accident to the member.

(d) Attested photocopy of the (i) F.I.R (ii) Post-mortem report (iii) Police Inquest report in case of the accidental / unnatural death.

(e) Attested photocopy of the Ration Card or Aadhaar Card.

(f) The attested photocopy of the first page of bank account of any nationalised bank maintained by the claimant/beneficiary.

6. *Procedure to be followed in settlement of claims.-* (1) The respective Taluk/Sub-Taluk Office shall scrutinise the claim form and after checking the veracity of the application in all respects shall forward the eligible claim forms alongwith the enclosures to the Settlement Officer with proper certification by the scrutinising officers.

(2) Claim form submitted to the respective Taluk/Sub-Taluk office after 180 days of the date of death of the member or of the date of physically disablement due to accident to the member and incomplete claim forms without necessary enclosures shall not be forwarded to the Settlement Officer.

(3) The Settlement Officer may accept the claim forms submitted after 180 days from the date of death of the member or from the date of accident to the member as the case may be, if it is duly enquired into and recommended as a genuine case condoning the delay by the Collector.

(4) The Settlement Officer shall scrutinise the claim form and after being satisfied as to the eligibility shall sanction the financial assistance in Form-C to the claimant/beneficiary in the case of natural/unnatural death of the member and grant the same in the form of payment through e-payment *vide* bank account maintained by the beneficiary in any nationalised bank in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(5) The Settlement Officer shall scrutinise the claim form and after being satisfied as to the eligibility shall sanction financial assistance in Form-D in case of partial or permanent total disability of the member due to accident and grant the same in the form of payment through e-payment *vide* bank account maintained by the beneficiary in any nationalised bank in the Union territory of Puducherry.

7. *Sanction of benefits.*- (1) The following financial assistance is provided to the members covered under this scheme:

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| (a) Natural death .. | ₹ 30,000 |
| (b) Unnatural death .. | ₹ 75,000 |
| (c) Permanent Total Disability (PTD) .. | ₹ 75,000
due to accident. |
| (d) Partial Permanent Total Disability .. | ₹ 37,500
due to accident |

8. *Penalty.*- In case the financial assistance has been sanctioned on the basis of false/wrong information given by the beneficiary/member/any official of the Government, the entire amount paid is liable to be recovered under the Pondicherry Revenue Recovery Act. The individual is also liable to be prosecuted for deliberately furnishing false/wrong information.

9. *Appeal.*- Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Settlement Officer may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Authority within thirty days from the date of receipt of such decision.

10. *Interpretation.*- If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the same shall be referred to the Government for decision, which shall be final.

FORMS

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

**RAJIV GANDHI SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME
FOR POOR FAMILIES - 2012**

FORM-A

[See rule 5 (2)]

Claim form for Grant of Financial Assistance

(To be completed by the member)

1. Name and address of the deceased :
member.
2. Name of the father/husband of the
deceased member. :

3. Details of death of the member-
 - (a) Date of death : _____
 - (b) Age at the time of death : _____
 - (c) Place of death : _____
 - (d) Cause of death : _____ Natural/Unnatural
4. Name of the constituency to which :
the member belongs.
5. Name and address of the claimant/ :
beneficiary.
6. Relationship with the member : _____
7. Name and address of the nationalised :
bank and the S.B. A/c No. _____
8. (a) Ration Card Number : _____
(b) Aadhaar Number (if available) : _____
9. Details of enclosures-
 - (a) Original Death Certificate : _____
 - (b) Attested photocopy of the Below :
Poverty Line Family Ration Card.
(or)
 - (c) Original Income Certificate of :
the member.
 - (d) Original Birth Certificate/Age :
Proof.
 - (e) Attested photocopy of the first :
page of the bank account.
 - (f) Attested photocopy of the Ration :
Card/Aadhaar Card.

I hereby declare that the particulars as stated above are true in
every respect.

Place:

Date :

Signature of the beneficiary.

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FOR POOR FAMILIES - 2012**

FORM-B

[See rule 5 (3)]

Claim form for Grant of Financial Assistance

(To be completed by the member)

1. Name and address of the member :
2. Present age :
3. Details of the accident to the member-
 - (a) Date of accident :
 - (b) Place of accident :
 - (c) Nature of disability and part of the body affected. :
 - (d) Describe in brief the circumstances : under which you were disabled.
 - (e) If the disability arose as a result of an accident, state the names of the police station to which the accident was reported; mentioning Police Case No. and date (Attach a copy of the Final Police Investigation Report certified by the Police Authorities).
 - (f) If the accident was not reported : to the Police, state the reasons therefor and mention the full name, addresses and your relationship with two persons who have witnessed the incident.

(g) State the name of the Doctor/s, :
hospital/s who/which treated
you for disablement.

(h) Percentage of the disability :

Note : Attach Certificate of Disability issued by the competent authority of the Government of Puducherry.

I,do hereby declare that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated at this day of 201

Signature/thumb-impression of the member.

Name of the member:

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

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RAJIV GANDHI SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME
FOR POOR FAMILIES-2012

FORM - C

[See rule 6(4)]

ORDER

I, hereby sanction ₹ 30,000 (Rupees thirty thousand only)/₹ 75,000 (Rupees seventy-five thousand only) as financial assistance to Thiru/Tmt./Selvi S/o./W/o./D/o./F/o./H/o. Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....the claimant/ beneficiary as mentioned under the Rajiv Gandhi Social Security Scheme for Poor Families - 2012.

Signature of the Settlement Officer.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
RAJIV GANDHI SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME
FOR POOR FAMILIES-2012

FORM - D

[See rule 6(5)]

ORDER

I, hereby
sanction ₹ 37,500 (Rupees thirty-seven thousand and five hundred only)/
₹ 75,000 (Rupees seventy-five thousand only) as financial assistance to
Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....
S/o./ W/o. /D/o./F/o./H/o. Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....
.....the claimant/ beneficiary under the Rajiv Gandhi Social
Security Scheme for Poor Families - 2012.

Signature of the Settlement Officer.